

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As a method for introducing a fluorine atom bonded to a carbon atom into a compound, (a) a method of ~~acting~~ reacting a fluorinating agent which generates fluorine anions (such as KF or HF) ~~on~~ with a chlorine atom bonded to a carbon atom to carry out a nucleophilic substitution reaction of F<sup>-</sup>. As a method for obtaining a fluorine-containing compound having a geminal difluoro structure by means of said method, a method of fluorinating a compound having a geminal dichloro structure (-CCl<sub>2</sub> structure) at the corresponding part as a material may be mentioned.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Namely, the present invention provides a process for producing a fluorine-containing compound of the following formula (2), which comprises reacting a compound of the following formula (1) with a compound of the formula X-Z or a compound of the formula Z<sub>2</sub>O (wherein Z is a monovalent group which gives a leaving group of the structure -OZ, and X is a chlorine atom, a bromine atom or an iodine atom), and then ~~acting~~ reacting a fluorinating agent which generates fluorine anions ~~thereon~~ therewith to obtain the fluorine-containing compound of the following formula (2):